

M. O. asks the Appeals Board of the Utah Labor Commission to reconsider its prior decision denying Ms. O.'s claim for benefits under the Utah Occupational Disease Act ("the Act"; Title 34A, Chapter 3, Utah Code Annotated).

The Appeals Board exercises jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §63-46b-13.

BACKGROUND AND ISSUES PRESENTED

In its previous decision, the Appeals Board denied Ms. O.'s claim for benefits because her work at Bourns was not the cause her medical problems. Ms. O. now asks the Appeals Board to reconsider its decision.

DISCUSSION

In concluding that Ms. O.'s work at Bourns did not cause her occupational disease, the Appeals Board relied on the conclusions of the impartial panel appointed to consider the medical aspects of Ms. O.'s claim. Ms. O. now argues that the medical panel's report is incorrect and that other medical records and evidence support her claim.

The Appeals Board has reviewed the medical panel's report in light of Ms. O.'s argument. The Appeals Board again concludes that the report is thorough, well-reasoned and persuasive. In particular, the Appeals Board finds nothing in the medical record as referenced by Ms. O. that discredits the panel's opinions. The Appeals Board therefore finds no basis to modify its previous decision denying Ms. O.'s claim.

ORDER

The Appeals Board reaffirms its previous decision and denies Ms. O.'s request for reconsideration. It is so ordered.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2006.

Colleen Colton, Chair

Patricia S. Drawe

Joseph E. Hatch